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NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

Patent Application No.: Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-099509

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Applied Sections: Section 29 (1), Section 29 (2) and Section 37

This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 DAYS of the mailing date hereof.

REASON(S)

1. The application fails to satisfy the requirements under the stipulation of Section 37 in the following respect(s).

REMARKS

The invention of claims 1 to 3, the invention of claims 4 to 8, the invention of claim 9, the invention of claims 10 and 11 and the invention of claims 12 and 13 are different in the problem to be solved by the invention (unsolved by the filing date of the present application), and also different in the substantial part recited in the claim (novel feature corresponding to the problem to be solved), and thus are not deemed to have the relation defined in Section 37 (i) or (ii) of the Patent Law or the relation defined in any of Section 37 (iii) to (v) of the same. (Since the invention of claim 1 is well known as will be discussed for Reasons 2 and 3 below, the problem to be solved, which was unsolved by the filing date of the present application, is unclear. Thus, the substantial part recited in claim 1 cannot be recognized.)

Since the present application fails to meet the requirements of Section 37 of the Patent Law, the inventions claimed in the claims other than claims 1 to 3 have not been examined for the requirements other than those of Section 37 of the same.

2. The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (1) (iii) of the Patent Law as being described in the following publication distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application or

made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

3. The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the invention described in the following publication(s) distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application or the invention made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARKS (refer to References Cited)

Claims 1 to 3/References 1 and 2

[Claim 1]

References 1 and 2 each disclose the invention as claimed in claim 1 of the present application.

(See Citation 1: page 3, lower right column, first line to page 4, lower left column, line 16 and FIGS. 2 to 5; and Citation 2: page 5, lower right column, line 14 to page 7, lower left column, first line and FIG. 6.)

[Claims 2 and 3]

Reference 1 also discloses the invention as claimed in claims 2 and 3 of the present application.

References Cited:

1. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 62-281574
2. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 01-190179

If a new reason for rejection is noticed, a further Official Action will be issued.

<Suggestions for Amendment>

(1) When amending the application, the Applicant should underline each part modified by amendment (Form 13, Note 6 of the Regulations Under the Patent Law).

(2) Amendment must be made within the scope of the disclosure of the originally filed specification or drawing(s) of the present application or, at least,

based on the features self-evident therefrom. When amending the application, the Applicant should explain in a Written Opinion the reason for the validity of each amendment, clearly indicating support therefor in the originally filed specification or drawing(s). (The Applicant, when preparing a Written Opinion, should refer to the format of a Request for Correction in a Trail for Invalidation.)

(3) Note that the above suggestions for amendment are not legally binding but merely indicate one possible way to overcome the rejection. The Applicant is given the liberty to determine how to amend the specification and drawing(s).

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Prior Art Search Report

Searched Field: IPC    H04N    5/30-5/335

Prior-Art Document(s):

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-341699

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 62-062689

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 02-069082

The result of this prior art search does not constitute the reasons for rejection.

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